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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 2936

FOR BOWDLER AND ENDERS

DEPT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY FROM ASST SECY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN CI IR

SUBJECT: HOCKING CHILEAN COPPER TO IRAN

1. WHILE I WAS IN SANTIAGO, ECONOMIC COORDINATION MINISTER SAEZ TOLD ME THAT HE WAS NEGOTIATING A PLEDGE TO IRAN OF \$250 MILLION OF CHILE'S COPPER. THE STICKING POINT NOW IS SAEZ'S INSISTENCE THAT IRAN AGREE NOT TO DISPOSE OF THE COPPER AS LONG AS CHILE IS NOT IN DEFAULT ON LOAN REPAYMENTS. SINCE SAEZ'S POSITION STRIKES ME AS SOMETHING IRAN MIGHT ACCEPT, IT MAY BE THAT A PLEDGE OF THIS CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF COPPER IS CLOSE AT HAND.

2. THE ARRANGEMENT, IF CONCLUDED, I SUPPOSE WOULD EASE CHILE'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS TROUBLES.

3. BUT IT IS ALSO AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF OPEC FINANCING OF COMMODITY STOCKPILES, CORNERING COMMODITY SUPPLIES, REFERRED TO IN THE ENDERS/SOLOMON MEMORANDUM ON COMMODITY POLICIES OF FEBRUARY 3, 1975. A PROLIFERATION OF SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, WITH THE OPEC MEMBERS ACQUIRING CONSIDERABLE PORTIONS OF WORLD SUPPLIES OF VARIOUS VITAL RAW MATERIALS, PLEDGED AT LOW MARKET PRICES FOR SHORT TERM, HIGH INTEREST LOANS, SOUNDS OMINOUS TO  
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